

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MODERN WIC MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM RFP 34353-14516

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The State of Tennessee, Department of Health, hereinafter referred to as "the State," has issued this Request for Proposals (RFP) to define minimum contract requirements; solicit responses; detail response requirements; and, outline the State's process for evaluating responses and selecting a contractor to provide the needed goods or services.

Through this RFP, the State seeks to procure necessary goods or services at the most favorable, competitive prices and to give ALL qualified businesses, including those that are owned by minorities, women, Tennessee service-disabled veterans, and small business enterprises, an opportunity to do business with the state as contractors, subcontractors or suppliers.

1.1. Statement of Procurement Purpose

The State, through this RFP, seeks to engage an experienced Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program professional planning and management contractor to assist the State as it moves to replace its aging WIC Program management information system (MIS) with an existing transferrable modern WIC MIS that meets all current WIC Program system functional requirements and that includes an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) component to meet the Federal mandate to deliver program benefits via EBT by 2020. The State has set a goal for the completion of the joint implementation by 2017. An RFP and contract will be issued for the transfer of an EBT functional MIS system. A separate RFP and contract will be issued for the EBT services portion of the project.

- 1.1.1. The awarded Contractor of this RFP will not be allowed to provide a response to any subsequent solicitation resulting from this solicitation in which this Contractor writes or assist in the development of the statement of work/scope of work/specifications.
- 1.1.2. Such services are expected to cover the entire System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) over both the Planning Advance Planning Document (PAPD) and the Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) phases of this project. The successful Respondent will provide needed expertise and knowledge in joint WIC MIS/EBT project management and planning and in the development and submission of the various planning and implementation activities and documents required under Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Handbook 901 that includes, among other things:

Provide general project management

Provide general project reporting and documentation

Conduct business requirements analyses, including the evaluation of the existing WIC MIS system, current business practices, and future business requirements

Preparation of a Functional Requirements Document

Conduct and prepare a Feasibility Study/Cost Benefit Analysis for a new MIS

Assess EBT Card technology alternatives and recommend an EBT technical solution

Develop and prepare a joint project schedule

Develop and prepare a joint budget

Develop and prepare a General System Design as needed (if a SAM MIS transfer system is not selected as the preferred system)

Conduct an evaluation of WIC vendor EBT readiness

Develop a Joint MIS/EBT Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD)

Develop a draft Statement of Work for the transfer of an existing WIC MIS system that is EBT functional

Develop a draft Statement of Work for EBT provider

Develop a draft Statement of Work for QA Contractor

1.2. Scope of Service, Contract Period, & Required Terms and Conditions

The RFP Attachment 6.6., Pro Forma Contract details the State's requirements:

Scope of Services and Deliverables (Section A);

- Contract Period (Section B);
- Payment Terms (Section C);
- Standard Terms and Conditions (Section D); and,
- Special Terms and Conditions (Section E).

The *pro forma* contract substantially represents the contract document that the successful Respondent must sign.

1.3. Nondiscrimination

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of a Contract pursuant to this RFP or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal, Tennessee state constitutional, or statutory law. The Contractor pursuant to this RFP shall, upon request, show proof of such nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.

1.4. RFP Communications

1.4.1. The State has assigned the following RFP identification number that must be referenced in all communications regarding this RFP:

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- 1.4.2. Unauthorized contact about this RFP with employees or officials of the State of Tennessee except as detailed below may result in disqualification from consideration under this procurement process.
 - 1.4.2.1. Prospective Respondents <u>must</u> direct communications concerning this RFP to the following person designated as the Solicitation Coordinator:

Brandon Silby, Solicitation Coordinator Department of General Services Central Procurement Office 3rd Floor WRS, TN Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102 615-532-2440 Brandon.Silby@tn.gov

- 1.4.2.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Prospective Respondents may alternatively contact:
 - a. staff of the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise for assistance available to minority-owned, woman-owned, Tennessee service-disabled veteran owned, and small businesses as well as general, public information relating to this RFP (visit www.tn.gov/businessopp/ for contact information); and
 - b. the following individual designated by the State to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of the State of Tennessee, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and associated federal regulations:

Helen Crowley
Department of General Services
Central Procurement Office

3rd Floor WRS, TN Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue Nashville, TN 37243-1102 615 741-3836 Helen.Crowley@tn.gov

- 1.4.3. Only the State's official, written responses and communications with Respondents are binding with regard to this RFP. Oral communications between a State official and one or more Respondents are unofficial and non-binding.
- 1.4.4. Potential Respondents must ensure that the State receives all written questions and comments, including questions and requests for clarification, no later than the Written Questions & Comments Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
- 1.4.5. Respondents must assume the risk of the method of dispatching any communication or response to the State. The State assumes no responsibility for delays or delivery failures resulting from the Respondent's method of dispatch. Actual or digital "postmarking" of a communication or response to the State by a specified deadline is not a substitute for the State's actual receipt of a communication or response.
- 1.4.6. The State will convey all official responses and communications related to this RFP to the prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to RFP Section 1.8).
- 1.4.7. The State reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the method of conveying official, written responses and communications related to this RFP. Such written communications may be transmitted by mail, hand-delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, Internet posting, or any other means deemed reasonable by the State. For internet posting, please refer to the following website: http://tn.gov/generalserv/cpo/sourcing_sub/rfp.shtml.
- 1.4.8. The State reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the appropriateness and adequacy of responses to written comments, questions, and requests related to this RFP. The State's official, written responses will constitute an amendment of this RFP.
- 1.4.9. Any data or factual information provided by the State (in this RFP, an RFP amendment or any other communication relating to this RFP) is for informational purposes only. The State will make reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of such data or information, however it is the Respondent's obligation to independently verify any data or information provided by the State. The State expressly disclaims the accuracy or adequacy of any information or data that it provides to prospective Respondents.

1.5. Assistance to Respondents with a Handicap or Disability

Prospective Respondents with a handicap or disability may receive accommodation relating to the communication of this RFP and participating in the RFP process. Prospective Respondents may contact the Solicitation Coordinator to request such reasonable accommodation no later than the Disability Accommodation Request Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

1.6. Respondent Required Review & Waiver of Objections

1.6.1. Each prospective Respondent must carefully review this RFP, including but not limited to, attachments, the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract, and any amendments, for questions, comments, defects, objections, or any other matter requiring clarification or correction (collectively called "questions and comments").

- 1.6.2. Any prospective Respondent having questions and comments concerning this RFP must provide them in writing to the State no later than the Written Questions & Comments Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
- 1.6.3. Protests based on any objection to the RFP shall be considered waived and invalid if the objection has not been brought to the attention of the State, in writing, by the Written Questions & Comments Deadline.

1.7. Pre-Response Conference

A Pre-response Conference will be held at the time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. Pre-response Conference attendance is not mandatory, and prospective Respondents may be limited to a maximum number of attendees depending upon overall attendance and space limitations.

The conference will be held at:

Tennessee Department of Health Division of Family Health and Wellness Conference Room A, 8th Floor Andrew Johnson Tower 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Telephone Number: (888) 757-2790

Pass Code: 213766

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the RFP scope of goods or services. The State will entertain questions, however prospective Respondents must understand that the State's oral response to any question at the Pre-response Conference shall be unofficial and non-binding. Prospective Respondents must submit all questions, comments, or other concerns regarding the RFP in writing prior to the Written Questions & Comments Deadline date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. The State will send the official response to these questions and comments to prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to respond as indicated in RFP Section 1.8 and on the date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

1.8. Notice of Intent to Respond

Before the Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events, prospective Respondents should submit to the Solicitation Coordinator a Notice of Intent to Respond (in the form of a simple e-mail or other written communication). Such notice should include the following information:

- the business or individual's name (as appropriate)
- a contact person's name and title
- the contact person's mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address

A Notice of Intent to Respond creates no obligation and is not a prerequisite for submitting a response, however, it is necessary to ensure receipt of any RFP amendments or other notices and communications relating to this RFP.

1.9. Response Deadline

A Respondent must ensure that the State receives a response no later than the response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. A response must respond, as required, to this RFP (including its attachments) as may be amended. The State will not accept late responses, and a Respondent's failure to submit a response before the deadline will result in disqualification of the

response. It is the responsibility of the Respondent to ascertain any additional security requirements with respect to packaging and delivery to the State of Tennessee. Respondents should be mindful of any potential delays due to security screening procedures, weather, or other filing delays whether foreseeable or unforeseeable.

2. RFP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2.1. The following RFP Schedule of Events represents the State's best estimate for this RFP.

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE (all dates are state business days)
1. RFP Issued		April 27, 2015
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	April 30, 2015
3. Pre-response Conference	8:30 a.m.	May 5, 2015
Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	May 6, 2015
5. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline	2:00 p.m.	May 11, 2015
6. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		May 15, 2015
7. Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	June 29, 2015
State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations		July 6, 2015
9. State Opening & Scoring of Cost Proposals	2:00 p.m.	July 7, 2015
10. Negotiations (Optional)	4:30 p.m.	July 7, 2015
State Notice of Intent to Award Released <u>and</u> RFP Files Opened for Public Inspection	2:00 p.m.	July 8, 2015
12. End of Open File Period		July 15, 2015
13. State sends contract to Contractor for signature		August 7, 2015
14. Contractor Signature Deadline	2:00 p.m.	August 11, 2015

2.2. The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust the RFP Schedule of Events as it deems necessary. Any adjustment of the Schedule of Events shall constitute an RFP amendment, and the State will communicate such to prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to section 1.8).

3. **RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS**

A response to this RFP must consist of two parts, a Technical Response and a Cost Proposal.

3.1.1. <u>Technical Response</u>. RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide provides the specific requirements for submitting a response. This guide includes mandatory requirement items, general qualifications and experience items, and technical qualifications, experience, and approach items all of which must be addressed with a written response and, in some instances, additional documentation.

NOTICE: A technical response <u>must not</u> include <u>any</u> pricing or cost information. If any pricing or cost information amounts of any type (even pricing relating to other projects) is included in any part of the technical response, the state may deem the response to be non-responsive and reject it.

- 3.1.1.1. A Respondent must use the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide to organize, reference, and draft the Technical Response by duplicating the attachment, adding appropriate page numbers as required, and using the guide as a table of contents covering the Technical Response.
- 3.1.1.2. A response should be economically prepared, with emphasis on completeness and clarity. A response, as well as any reference material presented, must be written in English and must be written on standard 8 ½" x 11" pages (although oversize exhibits are permissible) and use a 12 point font for text. All response pages must be numbered.
- 3.1.1.3. All information and documentation included in a Technical Response should respond to or address a specific requirement detailed in the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide. All information must be incorporated into a response to a specific requirement and clearly referenced. Any information not meeting these criteria will be deemed extraneous and will not contribute to evaluations.
- 3.1.1.4. The State may determine a response to be non-responsive and reject it if:
 - a. the Respondent fails to organize and properly reference the Technical Response as required by this RFP and the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide; or
 - b. the Technical Response document does not appropriately respond to, address, or meet <u>all</u> of the requirements and response items detailed in the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide.
- 3.1.2. <u>Cost Proposal</u>. A Cost Proposal <u>must</u> be recorded on an exact duplicate of the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.

NOTICE: If a Respondent fails to submit a cost proposal <u>exactly</u> as required, the State may deem the response to be non-responsive and reject it.

3.1.2.1. A Respondent must <u>only</u> record the proposed cost exactly as required by the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide <u>and must NOT record any other rates</u>, amounts, or information.

- 3.1.2.2. The proposed cost shall incorporate <u>ALL</u> costs for services under the contract for the total contract period, including any renewals or extensions.
- 3.1.2.3. A Respondent must sign and date the Cost Proposal.
- 3.1.2.4. A Respondent must submit the Cost Proposal to the State in a <u>sealed</u> package separate from the Technical Response (as detailed in RFP Sections 3.2.3., *et seg.*).

3.2. Response Delivery

- 3.2.1. A Respondent must ensure that both the original Technical Response and Cost Proposal documents meet all form and content requirements, including all required signatures, as detailed within this RFP.
- 3.2.2. A Respondent must submit original Technical Response and Cost Proposal documents and copies as specified below.
 - 3.2.2.1. One (1) original Technical Response paper document labeled:

"RFP 34353-14516 TECHNICAL RESPONSE ORIGINAL"

and four (4) digital copies of the Technical Response each in the form of one (1) digital document in "PDF" format properly recorded on its own otherwise blank, standard CD-R recordable disc or USB flash drive labeled:

"RFP 34353-14516 TECHNICAL RESPONSE COPY"

The digital copies should not include copies of sealed customer references, however any other discrepancy between the paper Technical Response document and any digital copies may result in the State rejecting the proposal as non-responsive.

3.2.2.2. One (1) original Cost Proposal paper document labeled:

"RFP 34353-14516 COST PROPOSAL ORIGINAL"

and one (1) copy in the form of a digital document in "XLS" format properly recorded on separate, blank, standard CD-R recordable disc or USB flash drive labeled:

"RFP 34353-14516 COST PROPOSAL COPY"

In the event of a discrepancy between the original Cost Proposal document and the digital copy, the original, signed document will take precedence.

- 3.2.3. A Respondent must separate, seal, package, and label the documents and copies for delivery as follows:
 - 3.2.3.1. The Technical Response original document and digital copies must be placed in a sealed package that is clearly labeled:

"DO NOT OPEN... RFP 34353-14516 TECHNICAL RESPONSE FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]"

3.2.3.2. The Cost Proposal original document and digital copy must be placed in a <u>separate</u>, sealed package that is clearly labeled:

"DO NOT OPEN... RFP 34353-14516 COST PROPOSAL FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]"

3.2.3.3. The separately, sealed Technical Response and Cost Proposal components may be enclosed in a larger package for mailing or delivery, provided that the outermost package is clearly labeled:

"RFP 34353-14516 SEALED TECHNICAL RESPONSE & SEALED COST PROPOSAL FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]"

3.2.4. A Respondent must ensure that the State receives a response no later than the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events at the following address:

Brandon Silby, Solicitation Coordinator Department of General Services Central Procurement Office 3rd Floor WRS, TN Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102 615-532-2440 Brandon.Silby@tn.gov

3.3. Response & Respondent Prohibitions

- 3.3.1. A response must <u>not</u> include alternate contract terms and conditions. If a response contains such terms and conditions, the State, at its sole discretion, may determine the response to be a non-responsive counteroffer and reject it.
- 3.3.2. A response must <u>not</u> restrict the rights of the State or otherwise qualify either the offer to deliver goods or provide services as required by this RFP or the Cost Proposal. If a response restricts the rights of the State or otherwise qualifies either the offer to deliver goods or provide services as required by this RFP or the Cost Proposal, the State, at its sole discretion, may determine the response to be a non-responsive counteroffer and reject it.
- 3.3.3. A response must <u>not</u> propose alternative goods or services (*i.e.*, offer services different from those requested and required by this RFP) unless expressly requested in this RFP. The State may consider a response of alternative goods or services to be non-responsive and reject it.
- 3.3.4. A Cost Proposal must be prepared and arrived at independently and must <u>not</u> involve any collusion between Respondents. The State will reject any Cost Proposal that involves collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement between Respondents. Regardless of the time of detection, the State will consider any such actions to be grounds for response rejection or contract termination.
- 3.3.5. A Respondent must <u>not</u> provide, for consideration in this RFP process or subsequent contract negotiations, any information that the Respondent knew or should have known was materially incorrect. If the State determines that a Respondent has provided such incorrect information, the State will deem the Response non-responsive and reject it.
- 3.3.6. A Respondent must <u>not</u> submit more than one Technical Response and one Cost Proposal in response to this RFP, except as expressly requested by the State in this RFP. If a Respondent submits more than one Technical Response or more than one Cost Proposal, the State will deem all of the responses non-responsive and reject them.

- 3.3.7. A Respondent must <u>not</u> submit a response as a prime contractor while also permitting one or more other Respondents to offer the Respondent as a subcontractor in their own responses. Such may result in the disqualification of all Respondents knowingly involved. This restriction does not, however, prohibit different Respondents from offering the same subcontractor as a part of their responses (provided that the subcontractor does not also submit a response as a prime contractor).
- 3.3.8. The State shall not consider a response from an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, a State employee. For purposes of this RFP:
 - 3.3.8.1. An individual shall be deemed a State employee until such time as all compensation for salary, termination pay, and annual leave has been paid;
 - 3.3.8.2. A contract with or a response from a company, corporation, or any other contracting entity in which a controlling interest is held by any State employee shall be considered to be a contract with or proposal from the employee; and
 - 3.3.8.3. A contract with or a response from a company, corporation, or any other contracting entity that employs an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, a State employee shall not be considered a contract with or a proposal from the employee and shall not constitute a prohibited conflict of interest.

3.4. Response Errors & Revisions

A Respondent is responsible for any and all response errors or omissions. A Respondent will not be allowed to alter or revise response documents after the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events unless such is formally requested, in writing, by the State.

3.5. Response Withdrawal

A Respondent may withdraw a submitted response at any time before the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events by submitting a written request signed by an authorized Respondent representative. After withdrawing a response, a Respondent may submit another response at any time before the Response Deadline. After the Response Deadline, a Respondent may only withdraw all or a portion of a response where the enforcement of the response would impose an unconscionable hardship on the Respondent.

3.6. Additional Services

If a response offers goods or services in addition to those required by and described in this RFP, the State, at its sole discretion, may add such services to the contract awarded as a result of this RFP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Respondent must not propose any additional cost amounts or rates for additional goods or services. Regardless of any additional services offered in a response, the Respondent's Cost Proposal must only record the proposed cost as required in this RFP and must not record any other rates, amounts, or information.

NOTICE: If a Respondent fails to submit a Cost Proposal exactly as required, the State may deem the response non-responsive and reject it.

3.7. Response Preparation Costs

The State will <u>not</u> pay any costs associated with the preparation, submittal, or presentation of any response.

4. GENERAL CONTRACTING INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

4.1. RFP Amendment

The State at its sole discretion may amend this RFP, in writing, at any time prior to contract award. However, prior to any such amendment, the State will consider whether it would negatively impact the ability of potential Respondents to meet the response deadline and revise the RFP Schedule of Events if deemed appropriate. If an RFP amendment is issued, the State will convey it to potential Respondents who submitted a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to RFP Section 1.8). A response must address the final RFP (including its attachments) as amended.

4.2. RFP Cancellation

The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel the RFP or to cancel and reissue this RFP in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

4.3. State Right of Rejection

- 4.3.1. Subject to applicable laws and regulations, the State reserves the right to reject, at its sole discretion, any and all responses.
- 4.3.2. The State may deem as non-responsive and reject any response that does not comply with all terms, conditions, and performance requirements of this RFP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to waive, at its sole discretion, minor variances from full compliance with this RFP. If the State waives variances in a response, such waiver shall not modify the RFP requirements or excuse the Respondent from full compliance, and the State may hold any resulting Contractor to strict compliance with this RFP.

4.4. Assignment & Subcontracting

- 4.4.1. The Contractor may not subcontract, transfer, or assign any portion of the Contract awarded as a result of this RFP without prior approval of the State. The State reserves the right to refuse approval, at its sole discretion, of any subcontract, transfer, or assignment.
- 4.4.2. If a Respondent intends to use subcontractors, the response to this RFP must specifically identify the scope and portions of the work each subcontractor will perform (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section B, General Qualifications & Experience Item B.14.).
- 4.4.3. Subcontractors identified within a response to this RFP will be deemed as approved by the State unless the State expressly disapproves one or more of the proposed subcontractors prior to signing the Contract.
- 4.4.4. After contract award, a Contractor may only substitute an approved subcontractor at the discretion of the State and with the State's prior, written approval.
- 4.4.5. Notwithstanding any State approval relating to subcontracts, the Respondent who is awarded a contract pursuant to this RFP will be the prime contractor and will be responsible for all work under the Contract.

4.5. Right to Refuse Personnel or Subcontractors

The State reserves the right to refuse, at its sole discretion and notwithstanding any prior approval, any personnel of the prime contractor or a subcontractor providing goods or services in the performance of a contract resulting from this RFP. The State will document in writing the reason(s) for any rejection of personnel.

4.6. **Insurance**

From time-to-time, the State may require the awarded Contractor to provide a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurance company licensed or authorized to provide insurance in the State of Tennessee. Each Certificate of Insurance shall indicate current insurance coverages meeting minimum requirements as may be specified by this RFP. A failure to provide a current, Certificate of Insurance will be considered a material breach and grounds for contract termination.

4.7. Professional Licensure and Department of Revenue Registration

- 4.7.1. All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal or financial opinions, which a Respondent provides for consideration and evaluation by the State as a part of a response to this RFP, shall be properly licensed to render such opinions.
- 4.7.2. Before the Contract resulting from this RFP is signed, the apparent successful Respondent (and Respondent employees and subcontractors, as applicable) must hold all necessary or appropriate business or professional licenses to provide the goods or services as required by the contract. The State may require any Respondent to submit evidence of proper licensure.
- 4.7.3. Before the Contract resulting from this RFP is signed, the apparent successful Respondent must be registered with the Tennessee Department of Revenue for the collection of Tennessee sales and use tax. The State shall not award a contract unless the Respondent provides proof of such registration or provides documentation from the Department of Revenue that the Contractor is exempt from this registration requirement. The foregoing is a mandatory requirement of an award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation. For purposes of this registration requirement, the Department of Revenue may be contacted at: TN.Revenue@tn.gov.

4.8. Disclosure of Response Contents

- 4.8.1. All materials submitted to the State in response to this RFP shall become the property of the State of Tennessee. Selection or rejection of a response does not affect this right. By submitting a response, a Respondent acknowledges and accepts that the full response contents and associated documents will become open to public inspection in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee.
- 4.8.2. The State will hold all response information, including both technical and cost information, in confidence during the evaluation process. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a list of actual Respondents submitting timely responses may be available to the public, upon request, after technical responses are opened.
- 4.8.3. Upon completion of response evaluations, indicated by public release of a Notice of Intent to Award, the responses and associated materials will be open for review by the public in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 10-7-504(a)(7).

4.9. Contract Approval and Contract Payments

- 4.9.1. After contract award, the Contractor who is awarded the contract must submit appropriate documentation with the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Accounts.
- 4.9.2. This RFP and its contractor selection processes do not obligate the State and do not create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in either the Respondent with the apparent best-evaluated response or any other Respondent. State obligations pursuant to a contract award shall commence only after the contract is signed by the State agency head and the Contractor and after the Contract is approved by all other state officials as required by applicable laws and regulations.

- 4.9.3. No payment will be obligated or made until the relevant Contract is approved as required by applicable statutes and rules of the State of Tennessee.
 - 4.9.3.1. The State shall not be liable for payment of any type associated with the Contract resulting from this RFP (or any amendment thereof) or responsible for any goods delivered or services rendered by the Contractor, even goods delivered or services rendered in good faith and even if the Contractor is orally directed to proceed with the delivery of goods or the rendering of services, if it occurs before the Contract start date or after the Contract end date.
 - 4.9.3.2. All payments relating to this procurement will be made in accordance with the Payment Terms and Conditions of the Contract resulting from this RFP (refer to RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract, Section C).
 - 4.9.3.3. If any provision of the Contract provides direct funding or reimbursement for the competitive purchase of goods or services as a component of contract performance or otherwise provides for the reimbursement of specified, actual costs, the State will employ all reasonable means and will require all such documentation that it deems necessary to ensure that such purchases were competitive and costs were reasonable, necessary, and actual. The Contractor shall provide reasonable assistance and access related to such review. Further, the State shall not remit, as funding or reimbursement pursuant to such provisions, any amounts that it determines do not represent reasonable, necessary, and actual costs.

4.10. Contractor Performance

The Contractor who is awarded a contract will be responsible for the delivery of all acceptable goods or the satisfactory completion of all services set out in this RFP (including attachments) as may be amended. All goods or services are subject to inspection and evaluation by the State. The State will employ all reasonable means to ensure that goods delivered or services rendered are in compliance with the Contract, and the Contractor must cooperate with such efforts.

4.11. Contract Amendment

After contract award, the State may request the Contractor to deliver additional goods or perform additional services within the general scope of the contract and this RFP, but beyond the specified scope of service, and for which the Contractor may be compensated. In such instances, the State will provide the Contractor a written description of the additional goods or services. The Contractor must respond to the State with a time schedule for delivering the additional goods or accomplishing the additional services based on the compensable units included in the Contractor's response to this RFP. If the State and the Contractor reach an agreement regarding the goods or services and associated compensation, such agreement must be effected by means of a contract amendment. Further, any such amendment requiring additional goods or services must be signed by both the State agency head and the Contractor and must be approved by other state officials as required by applicable statutes, rules, policies and procedures of the State of Tennessee. The Contractor must not provide additional goods or render additional services until the State has issued a written contract amendment with all required approvals.

4.12. **Severability**

If any provision of this RFP is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, said decision will not affect the validity of the remaining RFP terms and provisions, and the rights and obligations of the State and Respondents will be construed and enforced as if the RFP did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

4.13. Next Ranked Respondent

The State reserves the right to initiate negotiations with the next ranked Respondent should the State cease doing business with any Respondent selected via this RFP process.

5.1. Evaluation Categories & Maximum Points

The State will consider qualifications, experience, technical approach, and cost in the evaluation of responses and award points in each of the categories detailed below (up to the maximum evaluation points indicated) to each response deemed by the State to be responsive.

EVALUATION CATEGORY	MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE
General Qualifications & Experience (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section B)	25
Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section C)	45
Cost Proposal (refer to RFP Attachment 6.3.)	30

5.2. Evaluation Process

The evaluation process is designed to award the contract resulting from this RFP not necessarily to the Respondent offering the lowest cost, but rather to the Respondent deemed by the State to be responsive and responsible who offers the best combination of attributes based upon the evaluation criteria. ("Responsive Respondent" is defined as a Respondent that has submitted a response that conforms in all material respects to the RFP. "Responsible Respondent" is defined as a Respondent that has the capacity in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.)

- 5.2.1. <u>Technical Response Evaluation</u>. The Solicitation Coordinator and the Proposal Evaluation Team (consisting of three (3) or more State employees) will use the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide to manage the Technical Response Evaluation and maintain evaluation records.
 - 5.2.1.1. The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request Respondent clarification of a Technical Response or to conduct clarification discussions with any or all Respondents. Any such clarification or discussion will be limited to specific sections of the response identified by the State. The subject Respondent must put any resulting clarification in writing as may be required and in accordance with any deadline imposed by the State.
 - 5.2.1.2. The Solicitation Coordinator will review each Technical Response to determine compliance with RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A— Mandatory Requirements. If the Solicitation Coordinator determines that a response failed to meet one or more of the mandatory requirements, the Proposal Evaluation Team will review the response and document the team's determination of whether:
 - a. the response adequately meets RFP requirements for further evaluation;
 - b. the State will request clarifications or corrections for consideration prior to further evaluation; or,
 - c. the State will determine the response to be non-responsive to the RFP and reject it.
 - 5.2.1.3. Proposal Evaluation Team members will independently evaluate each Technical Response (that is responsive to the RFP) against the evaluation criteria in this RFP,

- and will score each in accordance with the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide.
- 5.2.1.4. For each response evaluated, the Solicitation Coordinator will calculate the average of the Proposal Evaluation Team member scores for RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, and record each average as the response score for the respective Technical Response section.
- 5.2.1.5. Before Cost Proposals are opened, the Proposal Evaluation Team will review the Technical Response Evaluation record and any other available information pertinent to whether or not each Respondent is responsive and responsible. If the Proposal Evaluation Team identifies any Respondent that does <u>not</u> meet the responsive and responsible thresholds such that the team would <u>not</u> recommend the Respondent for Cost Proposal Evaluation and potential contract award, the team members will fully document the determination.
- 5.2.2. Cost Proposal Evaluation. The Solicitation Coordinator will open for evaluation the Cost Proposal of each Respondent deemed by the State to be responsive and responsible and calculate and record each Cost Proposal score in accordance with the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.
- 5.2.3. <u>Clarifications and Negotiations</u>: The State reserves the right to award a contract on the basis of initial responses received, therefore, each response shall contain the Respondent's best terms and conditions from a technical and cost standpoint. The State reserves the right to conduct clarifications or negotiations with one or more Respondents. All communications, clarifications, and negotiations shall be conducted in a manner that supports fairness in response improvement.
 - 5.2.3.1. Clarifications: The State may identify areas of a response that may require further clarification or areas in which it is apparent that there may have been miscommunications or misunderstandings as to the State's specifications or requirements. The State may seek to clarify those issues identified during one or multiple clarification rounds. Each clarification sought by the State may be unique to an individual Respondent, provided that the process is conducted in a manner that supports fairness in response improvement.
 - 5.2.3.2. Negotiations: The State may elect to negotiate with one or more Respondents by requesting revised responses, negotiating costs, or finalizing contract terms and conditions. The State reserves the right to conduct multiple negotiation rounds or no negotiations at all.
 - 5.2.3.3. Cost Negotiations: All Respondents, selected for negotiation by the State, will be given equivalent information with respect to cost negotiations. All cost negotiations will be documented for the procurement file. Additionally, the State may conduct target pricing and other goods or services level negotiations. Target pricing may be based on considerations such as current pricing, market considerations, benchmarks, budget availability, or other methods that do not reveal individual Respondent pricing. During target price negotiations, Respondents are not obligated to reduce their pricing to target prices, but no Respondent is allowed to increase prices.
 - 5.2.3.4. If the State determines that it is unable to successfully negotiate a contract with the apparent best evaluated Respondent, the State reserves the right to bypass the apparent best evaluated Respondent and enter into contract negotiations with the next apparent best evaluated Respondent.

5.2.4. <u>Total Response Score</u>. The Solicitation Coordinator will calculate the sum of the Technical Response section scores and the Cost Proposal score and record the resulting number as the total score for the subject Response (refer to RFP Attachment 6.5., Score Summary Matrix).

5.3. Contract Award Process

- 5.3.1 The Solicitation Coordinator will submit the Proposal Evaluation Team determinations and scores to the head of the procuring agency for consideration along with any other relevant information that might be available and pertinent to contract award.
- 5.3.2. The procuring agency head will determine the apparent best-evaluated Response. To effect a contract award to a Respondent other than the one receiving the highest evaluation process score, the head of the procuring agency must provide written justification and obtain the written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer and the Comptroller of the Treasury.
- 5.3.3. The State will issue a Notice of Intent to Award identifying the apparent best-evaluated response and make the RFP files available for public inspection at the time and date specified in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
 - NOTICE: The Notice of Intent to Award shall not create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in either the apparent best-evaluated Respondent or any other Respondent.
- 5.3.4. The Respondent identified as offering the apparent best-evaluated response <u>must</u> sign a contract drawn by the State pursuant to this RFP. The contract shall be substantially the same as the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract. The Respondent <u>must</u> sign the contract by the Contractor Signature Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. If the Respondent fails to provide the signed contract by this deadline, the State may determine that the Respondent is non-responsive to this RFP and reject the response.
- 5.3.5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State may, at its sole discretion, entertain limited negotiation prior to contract signing and, as a result, revise the *pro forma* contract terms and conditions or performance requirements in the State's best interests, PROVIDED THAT such revision of terms and conditions or performance requirements shall <u>NOT</u> materially affect the basis of response evaluations or negatively impact the competitive nature of the RFP and contractor selection process.
- 5.3.6. If the State determines that a response is non-responsive and rejects it after opening Cost Proposals, the Solicitation Coordinator will re-calculate scores for each remaining responsive Cost Proposal to determine (or re-determine) the apparent best-evaluated response.

RFP 34353-14516 STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

The Respondent must sign and complete the Statement of Certifications and Assurances below as required, and it must be included in the Technical Response (as required by RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A, Item A.1.).

The Respondent does, hereby, expressly affirm, declare, confirm, certify, and assure ALL of the following:

- 1. The Respondent will comply with all of the provisions and requirements of the RFP.
- 2. The Respondent will provide all services as defined in the Scope of Services of the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract for the total contract period.
- 3. The Respondent, except as otherwise provided in this RFP, accepts and agrees to all terms and conditions set out in the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract.
- 4. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that a contract resulting from the RFP shall incorporate, by reference, all proposal responses as a part of the contract.
- 5. The Respondent will comply with:
 - (a) the laws of the State of Tennessee;
 - (b) Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
 - (c) Title IX of the federal Education Amendments Act of 1972;
 - (d) the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued there under by the federal government; and,
 - (e) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.
- 6. To the knowledge of the undersigned, the information detailed within the response submitted to this RFP is accurate.
- 7. The response submitted to this RFP was independently prepared, without collusion, under penalty of perjury.
- 8. No amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Respondent in connection with this RFP or any resulting contract.
- Both the Technical Response and the Cost Proposal submitted in response to this RFP shall remain valid for at least 120 days subsequent to the date of the Cost Proposal opening and thereafter in accordance with any contract pursuant to the RFP.

By signing this Statement of Certifications and Assurances, below, the signatory also certifies legal authority to bind the proposing entity to the provisions of this RFP and any contract awarded pursuant to it. If the signatory is not the Respondent (if an individual) or the Respondent's company *President* or *Chief Executive Officer*, this document <u>must</u> attach evidence showing the individual's authority to bind the Respondent.

DO NOT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT IF YOU ARE NOT LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE RESPONDENT

SIGNATURE:	
PRINTED NAME & TITLE:	
DATE:	
RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:	
RESPONDENT FEDERAL EMPLOY	'ER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (or SSN):

TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE

SECTION A: MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS. The Respondent must address all items detailed below and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below.

The Solicitation Coordinator will review the response to determine if the Mandatory Requirement Items are addressed as required and mark each with pass or fail. For each item that is not addressed as required, the Proposal Evaluation Team must review the response and attach a written determination. In addition to the Mandatory Requirement Items, the Solicitation Coordinator will review each response for compliance with all RFP requirements.

RESPONDENT NAME:	LEGAL	ENTITY				
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.		Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items			
			e must be delivered to the State no later than the Response cified in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.			
			The Technical Response and the Cost Proposal documentation must be packaged separately as required (refer to RFP Section 3.2., et. seq.).			
		The Technica type.	The Technical Response must NOT contain cost or pricing information of any type.			
			The Technical Response must NOT contain any restrictions of the rights of the State or other qualification of the response.			
		A Responder 3.3.).	A Respondent must NOT submit alternate responses (refer to RFP Section 3.3.).			
			A Respondent must NOT submit multiple responses in different forms (as a prime and a sub-contractor) (refer to RFP Section 3.3.).			
	A.1.	6.1.) complete Respondent t	Provide the Statement of Certifications and Assurances (RFP Attachment 6.1.) completed and signed by an individual empowered to bind the Respondent to the provisions of this RFP and any resulting contract. The document must be signed without exception or qualification.			
	A.2.	Respondent of services under employment in NOTE: Any of	Provide a statement, based upon reasonable inquiry, of whether the Respondent or any individual who shall cause to deliver goods or perform services under the contract has a possible conflict of interest (e.g., employment by the State of Tennessee) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. NOTE: Any questions of conflict of interest shall be solely within the			
	A.3.	Provide a current bank reference indicating that the Respondent's business relationship with the financial institution is in positive standing. Such reference must be written in the form of a standard business letter, signed, and dated within the past three (3) months.				
	A.4.	Respondent h	current positive credit references from vendors with which the has done business written in the form of standard business d, and dated within the past three (3) months.			

RESPONDENT NAME:	LEGAL	ENTITY				
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	A.5.	acknowledge	Provide a statement in response to Section 1.1.1. where the Respondent cknowledges and agrees to the fact that they may not be allowed to espond to subsequent RFPs resulting from this RFP.			
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SECTION B: GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE. The Respondent must address all items detailed below and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below. Proposal Evaluation Team members will independently evaluate and assign one score for all responses to Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items.

RESPONDENT NAME:	RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items				
	B.1.	Detail the name, e-mail address, mailing address, telephone number, and facsimile number of person the State should contact regarding the response.				
	B.2.		Describe the Respondent's form of business (<i>i.e.</i> , individual, sole proprietor, corporation, non-prof corporation, partnership, limited liability company) and business location (physical location or domicile). Detail the number of years the Respondent has been in business.			
	B.3.	Detail the nu				
	B.4.	Briefly descr this RFP.	ribe how long the Respondent has been providing the goods or services required by			
	B.5.	Describe the Respondent's number of employees, client base, and location of offices.				
	B.6.	Provide a statement of whether there have been any mergers, acquisitions, or change of conthe Respondent within the last ten (10) years. If so, include an explanation providing relevant details.				
	B.7.	Respondent delivery of g convicted of	atement of whether the Respondent or, to the Respondent's knowledge, any of the 's employees, agents, independent contractors, or subcontractors, involved in the oods or performance of services on a contract pursuant to this RFP, have been , pled guilty to, or pled <i>nolo contendere</i> to any felony. If so, include an explanation evant details.			
	B.8.	against it) ar undergone t	atement of whether, in the last ten (10) years, the Respondent has filed (or had filed by bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, whether voluntary or involuntary, or he appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors. If so, xplanation providing relevant details.			
	B.9.	that the Res requirement Respondent and attach the	atement of whether there is any material, pending litigation against the Respondent pondent should reasonably believe could adversely affect its ability to meet contract s pursuant to this RFP or is likely to have a material adverse effect on the 's financial condition. If such exists, list each separately, explain the relevant details, he opinion of counsel addressing whether and to what extent it would impair the 's performance in a contract pursuant to this RFP.			
		Respondent	persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal opinions regarding the must be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the to submit proof of license for each person or entity that renders such opinions.			
	B.10.	Commission	atement of whether there are any pending or in progress Securities Exchange investigations involving the Respondent. If such exists, list each separately, explain details, and attach the opinion of counsel addressing whether and to what extent it will			

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		ENTITY					
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		impair the R	espondent's performance in a contract pursuant to this RFP.				
		Respondent	persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal opinions regarding the must be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the to submit proof of license for each person or entity that renders such opinions.				
	B.11.	goods or se	Provide a brief, descriptive statement detailing evidence of the Respondent's ability to deliver the goods or services sought under this RFP (<i>e.g.</i> , prior experience, training, certifications, resources program and quality management systems, <i>etc.</i>).				
	B.12.	structure alc	arrative description of the proposed project team, its members, and organizational ong with an organizational chart identifying the key people who will be assigned to loods or services required by this RFP.				
	B.13.	Provide a personnel roster listing the names of key people who the Respondent will assign the Respondent's requirements under this RFP along with the estimated number of hours individual will devote to that performance. Follow the personnel roster with a resume for e the people listed. The resumes must detail the individual's title, education, current position Respondent, and employment history.					
	B.14.	Respondent (a) the name number (b) a describer delivery (c) a s	attement of whether the Respondent intends to use subcontractors to meet the s's requirements of any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP, and if so, detail: nes of the subcontractors along with the contact person, mailing address, telephone and e-mail address for each; iption of the scope and portions of the goods each subcontractor involved in the of goods or performance of the services each subcontractor will perform; and tatement specifying that each proposed subcontractor has expressly assented to being a subcontractor in the Respondent's response to this RFP.				
	B.15.	following: (a) Busines proceduminoritic Please applicat (b) Busines enterpribusines (i) cor (ii) cor (iii) cor (c) Estimat owned lenterprithe following par	umentation of the Respondent's commitment to diversity as represented by the ses Strategy. Provide a description of the Respondent's existing programs and ures designed to encourage and foster commerce with business enterprises owned by es, women, Tennessee service-disabled veterans, and small business enterprises. also include a list of the Respondent's certifications as a diversity business, if oble. Ses Relationships. Provide a listing of the Respondent's current contracts with business ses owned by minorities, women, Tennessee service-disabled veterans and small as enterprises. Please include the following information: Intract description and total value; Intractor name and ownership characteristics (i.e., ethnicity, gender, Tennessee service-abled); Intractor contact name and telephone number. Sed Participation. Provide an estimated level of participation by business enterprises by minorities, women, Tennessee service-disabled veterans, and small business ses if a contract is awarded to the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information: Server the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the lowing information:				

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		cha	aracteristics only and DO NOT INCLUDE DOLLAR AMOUNTS);		
		(ii) ant	icipated goods or services contract descriptions;		
			mes and ownership characteristics (i.e., ethnicity, gender, Tennessee service-disabled erans) of anticipated subcontractors and supply contractors.		
		busines DBE).	In order to claim status as a Diversity Business Enterprise under this contract, ses must be certified by the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise (Go-Please visit the Go-DBE website at n.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&XID=9265 for more		
			ce. Provide the percentage of the Respondent's total current employees by ethnicity		
		NOTE: Respondents that demonstrate a commitment to diversity will advance State efforts expand opportunity to do business with the State as contractors and subcontractors. Response evaluations will recognize the positive qualifications and experience of a Respondent that does business with enterprises owned by minorities, women, Tenness service-disabled veterans and small business enterprises and who offer a diverse work			
	B.16.	year period. (a) the name about the process of the	atement of whether or not the Respondent has any current contracts with the State of or has completed any contracts with the State of Tennessee within the previous five (5). If so, provide the following information for all of the current and completed contracts: ne, title, telephone number and e-mail address of the State contact knowledgeable ne contract; curing State agency name; description of the contract's scope of services; tract period; and		
		NOTES: Current or maximum automatic	reprior contracts with the State are <u>not</u> a prerequisite and are <u>not</u> required for the evaluation score, and the existence of such contracts with the State will <u>not</u> ally result in the addition or deduction of evaluation points. uator will generally consider the results of inquiries by the State regarding all contracts		
	B.17.	State of Ten represent: two (2) of three (3) of All references fully complet questionnair References considered. The Respond questionnair order to obtailed below	comer references from individuals (who are <u>not</u> current or former officials or staff of the nessee) for projects similar to the services sought under this RFP and which the larger accounts currently serviced by the Respondent, <u>and</u> completed projects. The services in the form of standard reference questionnaires that have been ted by the individual providing the reference as required. The standard reference e, which <u>must</u> be used and completed as required, is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. That are not completed as required will be considered non-responsive and will not be dent will be <u>solely</u> responsible for obtaining the fully completed reference es, and for including them within the Respondent's sealed Technical Response. In an and submit the completed reference questionnaires, as required, follow the process ow. The including the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4. by adding the subject is detailed at RFP Attachment 6.4.		

	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items Respondent's name, and make duplicates for completion by references. Send the customized reference questionnaires to each individual chosen to provide a reference along with a new standard #10 envelope. Instruct the person that will provide a reference for the Respondent to: (i) complete the reference questionnaire (on the form provided or prepared, completed, and printed using a duplicate of the document); (ii) sign and date the completed, reference questionnaire; (iii) seal the completed, signed, and dated, reference questionnaire within the envelope provided;
	 Send the customized reference questionnaires to each individual chosen to provide a reference along with a new standard #10 envelope. Instruct the person that will provide a reference for the Respondent to: (i) complete the reference questionnaire (on the form provided or prepared, completed, and printed using a duplicate of the document); (ii) sign and date the completed, reference questionnaire; (iii) seal the completed, signed, and dated, reference questionnaire within the envelope provided;
B.18. Profolic	 (iv) sign his or her name in ink across the sealed portion of the envelope; and (v) return the sealed envelope containing the completed reference questionnaire directly to the Respondent (the Respondent may wish to give each reference a deadline, such that the Respondent will be able to collect all required references in time to include them within the sealed Technical Response).) Do NOT open the sealed references upon receipt.) Enclose all sealed reference envelopes within a larger, labeled envelope for inclusion in the Technical Response as required. DTES: The State will not accept late references or references submitted by any means other than that which is described above, and each reference questionnaire submitted must be completed as required. The State will not review more than the number of required references indicated above. While the State will base its reference check on the contents of the sealed reference envelopes included in the Technical Response package, the State reserves the right to confirm and clarify information detailed in the completed reference questionnaires, and may consider clarification responses in the evaluation of references. The State is under no obligation to clarify any reference information. ovide a statement and any relevant details addressing whether the Respondent is any of the lowing: (a) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency; (b) has within the past three (3) years, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against the contracting party from commission of fraud, or a criminal offence in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, fal

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SECTION C: TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE & APPROACH. The Respondent must address all items (below) and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below.

A Proposal Evaluation Team, made up of three or more State employees, will independently evaluate and score the response to each item. Each evaluator will use the following whole number, raw point scale for scoring each item:

 $0 = little \ value$ $1 = little \ value$ $2 = little \ value$ $3 = little \ value$ $4 = little \ value$ $5 = little \ value$

The Solicitation Coordinator will multiply the Item Score by the associated Evaluation Factor (indicating the relative emphasis of the item in the overall evaluation). The resulting product will be the item's Raw Weighted Score for purposes of calculating the section score as indicated.

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		ENTITY				
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Sec	ction C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
	C.1.		Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's understanding of the State's requirements and project schedule.			
	C.2.	complete the s	ative that illustrates how the Respondent will scope of services, accomplish required d meet the State's project schedule.		3	
	C.3.	manage the pi	ative that illustrates how the Respondent will roject, ensure completion of the scope of accomplish required objectives within the schedule.		3	
	C.4.	of both a mode requirements of component by of the Respon- dates, timefrar major implements Sections A.4.	set an ambitious goal of a pilot implementation ern MIS that meets all WIC functional with an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) the end of 2016. Please provide a description dent timeline for completion (citing specific me for each step, and deadlines) for each of the entation tasks (refer to Pro Forma Contract and A.5.) Respondent is required to provide a as detailed in Section A.6. for the first 11 line		3	
	C.5.	approach to	Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's approach to collecting and documenting Functional Requirements according to the Scope of Services			
	C.6.	qualifications	Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's qualifications and experience in providing training according to the Scope of Services A.5.a.(4).			
	C.7.	Provide a na qualifications Analysis des A.5.b.through	Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's qualifications and experience in conducting the MIS Analysis described in the Scope of Services A.5.b.through A.5.d.			
	C.8.	qualifications	rrative that illustrates the Respondent's and experience in conducting the EBT cribed in the Scope of Services A.5.e.		2	

RESPONDENT NAME:	ΓLEGAL	ENTITY					
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		through A.5.					
	C.9.	qualifications Implementati in accordanc	Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's qualifications and experience in developing Implementation Advance Planning Documents (IAPDs) in accordance with USDA FNS Advance Planning Document Handbook 901 as described in Scope of Services A 5 h				
	C.10.	Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's qualifications and experience in drafting statements of work for the implementation contractor as described in the Scope of Services A.5.i through A.5.j.				2	
	C.11.	qualifications of work activi	vide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's lifications and experience in defining the statement ork activities required for a successful software lity assurance engagement per the Scope of vices A.5.k.			2	
	C.12.		s of any expectation of ining the course of the entite		1		
calculate the sec	tion score.		n and the formula below to will use and result in number decimal point.	s (sum of Raw We		phted Score: cores above)	
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			w Weighted Score m weights above)	X 45 (maximum possible so	core)	= SCORE:	
State Use – Evaluator Identification:							
State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:							

COST PROPOSAL & SCORING GUIDE

NOTICE: THIS COST PROPOSAL MUST BE COMPLETED EXACTLY AS REQUIRED

COST PROPOSAL SCHEDULE— The Cost Proposal, detailed below, shall indicate the proposed price for goods or services defined in the Scope of Services of the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract and for the entire contract period. The Cost Proposal shall remain valid for at least one hundred twenty (120) days subsequent to the date of the Cost Proposal opening and thereafter in accordance with any contract resulting from this RFP. All monetary amounts shall be in U.S. currency and limited to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point.

NOTICE:

The Evaluation Factor associated with each cost item is for evaluation purposes <u>only</u>. The evaluation factors do NOT and should NOT be construed as any type of volume guarantee or minimum purchase quantity. The evaluation factors shall NOT create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in the Respondent.

Notwithstanding the cost items herein, pursuant to the second paragraph of the *Pro Forma* Contract section C.1. (refer to RFP Attachment 6.6.), "The State is under no obligation to request work from the Contractor in any specific dollar amounts or to request any work at all from the Contractor during any period of this Contract."

This Cost Proposal must be signed, in the space below, by an individual empowered to bind the Respondent to the provisions of this RFP and any contract awarded pursuant to it. If said individual is not the *President* or *Chief Executive Officer*, this document <u>must</u> attach evidence showing the individual's authority to legally bind the Respondent.

RESPONDENT SIGNATURE:				
PRINTED NAME & TITLE:				
DATE:				
RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:				
		State Use Only		
Cost Item Description	Proposed Cost	Evaluation Factor	Evaluation Cost (cost x factor)	
Project Work Plan as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.a.	\$NUMBER	1		
Transfer MIS Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.b.	\$NUMBER	1		
MIS Hosting Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.c.	\$NUMBER	1		
MIS Interoperability Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.d.	\$NUMBER	1		
EBT Affordability Study as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.e.	\$NUMBER	1		

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
		State Use Only			
Cost Item Description	Proposed Cost	Evaluation Factor	Evaluation Cost (cost x factor)		
EBT Card Technology Assessment as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.f.	\$NUMBER	1			
Vendor EBT- Readiness Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.g.	\$NUMBER	1			
Draft IAPD Final Report as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.h.	\$NUMBER	1			
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure an MIS transfer implementation contractor, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.i.	\$NUMBER	1			
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure an EBT implementation Contractor, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.j.	\$NUMBER	1			
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure a Quality Assurance (QA) Contractor, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.k.	\$NUMBER	1			
Monthly Communication and Status Reporting, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.I.	\$NUMBER/ Month	13			
Final Report, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.m.	\$NUMBER	1			
The Solicitation Coordinator will use this	ATION COST AMOUNT (sum of evaluations and the formula below to calculate the sto the right of the decimal point will be start	Cost Proposal Score.			
lowest evaluation cost amount from <u>all</u> proposals x 30 = SCORE:					
evaluation cost amount being evaluated (maximum section score)					
State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:					

REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The standard reference questionnaire provided on the following pages of this attachment MUST be completed by all individuals offering a reference for the Respondent.

The Respondent will be <u>solely</u> responsible for obtaining completed reference questionnaires as required (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section B, Item B.17.), and for enclosing the sealed reference envelopes within the Respondent's Technical Response.

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REFERENCE SUBJECT: RESPONDENT NAME (completed by Respondent before reference is requested)

The "reference subject" specified above, intends to submit a response to the State of Tennessee in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) indicated. As a part of such response, the reference subject must include a number of completed and sealed reference questionnaires (using this form).

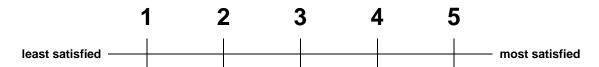
Each individual responding to this reference questionnaire is asked to follow these instructions:

- 1. complete this questionnaire (either using the form provided or an exact duplicate of this document);
- 2. sign and date the completed questionnaire;
- seal the completed, signed, and dated questionnaire in a new standard #10 envelope;
- 4. sign in ink across the sealed portion of the envelope; and
- 5. return the sealed envelope containing the completed questionnaire directly to the reference subject.
- (1) What is the name of the individual, company, organization, or entity responding to this reference questionnaire?
- (2) Please provide the following information about the individual completing this reference questionnaire on behalf of the above-named individual, company, organization, or entity.

NAME:	
TITLE:	
TELEPHONE #	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	

- (3) What goods or services does/did the reference subject provide to your company or organization?
- (4) What is the level of your overall satisfaction with the reference subject as a vendor of the goods or services described above?

Please respond by circling the appropriate number on the scale below.

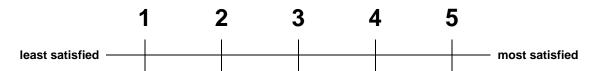


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If you circled 3 or less above, what could the reference subject have done to improve that rating?

- (5) If the goods or services that the reference subject provided to your company or organization are completed, were the goods or services provided in compliance with the terms of the contract, on time, and within budget? If not, please explain.
- (6) If the reference subject is still providing goods or services to your company or organization, are these goods or services being provided in compliance with the terms of the contract, on time, and within budget? If not, please explain.
- (7) How satisfied are you with the reference subject's ability to perform based on your expectations and according to the contractual arrangements?
- (8) In what areas of goods or service delivery does/did the reference subject excel?
- (9) In what areas of goods or service delivery does/did the reference subject fall short?
- (10) What is the level of your satisfaction with the reference subject's project management structures, processes, and personnel?

Please respond by circling the appropriate number on the scale below.

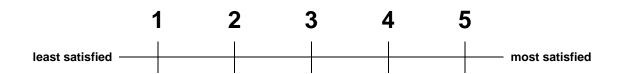


What, if any, comments do you have regarding the score selected above?

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(11) Considering the staff assigned by the reference subject to deliver the goods or services described in response to question 3 above, how satisfied are you with the technical abilities, professionalism, and interpersonal skills of the individuals assigned?

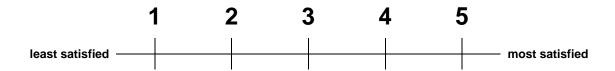
Please respond by circling the appropriate number on the scale below.



What, if any, comments do you have regarding the score selected above?

(12) Would you contract again with the reference subject for the same or similar goods or services?

Please respond by circling the appropriate number on the scale below.



What, if any, comments do you have regarding the score selected above?

REFERENCE SIGNATURE: (by the individual completing this request for reference information)	
•	(must be the same as the signature across the envelope seal)
DATE:	

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.5.

SCORE SUMMARY MATRIX

	RESPONDENT NAME RESPONDENT NAME		RESPONDENT NAME			
GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE (maximum: 25)						
EVALUATOR NAME						
EVALUATOR NAME						
REPEAT AS NECESSARY						
	AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:	
TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE & APPROACH (maximum 45)						
EVALUATOR NAME						
EVALUATOR NAME						
REPEAT AS NECESSARY						
	AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:	
COST PROPOSAL (maximum: 30)	SCORE:		SCORE:		SCORE:	
TOTAL RESPONSE EVALUATION SCORE: (maximum: 100)						

Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:

RFP 34353-14516 PRO FORMA CONTRACT

The *Pro Forma* Contract detailed in following pages of this exhibit contains some "blanks" (signified by descriptions in capital letters) that will be completed with appropriate information in the final contract resulting from the RFP.

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND

CONTRACTOR NAME

This Contract, by and between the State of Tennessee, Department of Health ("State") and Contractor Legal Entity Name ("Contractor"), is for the provision of Professional Planning Services for the Implementation of a Modern Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Management Information System, as further defined in the "SCOPE." State and Contractor may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties" to this Contract.

The Contractor is a/an Individual, For-Profit Corporation, Non-Profit Corporation, Special Purpose Corporation Or Association, Partnership, Joint Venture, Or Limited Liability Company. Contractor Place of Incorporation or Organization: Location Contractor Edison Registration ID # Number

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

A.1. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required, described, and detailed below and shall meet all service and delivery timelines as specified by this Contract.

A.2. Service Definitions:

- a. Advance Planning Document (APD) Document used to secure funding and approval of the project to automate State processes to administer the Food and Nutrition Services Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or WIC programs.
- b. Alternatives Analysis Key part of the Feasibility Study in which alternatives for primary system requirements and resources are contrasted and compared, with the aim of determining the best viable alternative.
- c. Cost Allocation Plan Document that State agencies submit to Federal benefiting programs for approval during the APD process to obtain Federal funding for a portion of State system costs.
- d. Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) Mechanism for classifying alternative systems into cost and benefit components to determine which alternative will provide the greatest benefits relative to its cost. The CBA provides a meaningful comparison of the costs of the alternatives being considered.
- e. **Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) -** Use of electronic mechanisms to transfer value from a program to a benefit recipient.
- f. **Feasibility Study -** Preliminary study to determine whether it is sufficiently probable that the use of systems would improve the effectiveness and efficiency of program operations and warrant the investment of staff, time, and money being requested and whether the plan can be accomplished successfully.
- g. **Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)** An agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture responsible for the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

- h. **Functional Requirements Document (FReD) -** Initial definition of the proposed system which documents the goals, objectives, and user or programmatic requirements. This document details what the new system and/or hardware should do, not how it is to do it.
- i. Gap Analysis is an assessment tool to help identify differences between information systems or applications.
- j. General System Design (GSD) Combination of narrative and diagrams describing the generic architecture of a system, as opposed to the detailed architecture of the system. It may include a system's diagram; a narrative identifying overall logic flow and systems functions; a description of equipment needed (including processing, data transmission, and storage requirements).
- k. **Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) -** written plan of action requesting funding (or approval to expend Federal funds) to acquire and implement IS services and/or equipment. The IAPD includes the design, development, testing, and implementation phases of the project.
- I. MIS The WIC Management Information System
- m. Planning Advance Planning Document for project planning or Planning APD (PAPD) written plan of action that requests funding to accomplish the planning activities necessary for a State agency to determine the need for, feasibility of, and projected costs and benefits of an IS equipment or services acquisition; plan the acquisition of IS equipment and/or services, and to acquire information necessary to prepare an Implementation APD.
- n. **Patient Tracking Billing Management Information System (PTBMIS)** The current MIS for the State of Tennessee.
- o. Quality Assurance (QA) Contractor an independent source who evaluates the overall project performance on a regular basis to provide confidence that the project will satisfy the relevant quality standards. The independent contractor will monitor specific project results to determine if they comply with relevant quality standards and will identify ways to eliminate causes of unsatisfactory performance. QA covers all activities from design to development, testing, implementation, and documentation.
- p. Request for Proposals (RFP) The document used for public solicitation of competitive proposals from qualified sources as outlined in 7 CFR 277.14(g)(3). The type of solicitation document used in negotiated procurements with the expectation that proposals will be received and evaluated leading to an award without discussion, or a revised proposal after discussion, which will then lead to an award.
- q. State Agency Model (SAM) A model WIC management information system (MIS) developed by a consortium of states with funding from FNS, designed to enable transfer of the entire MIS to other WIC state agencies.
- r. **Statement of Work (SOW) -** Portion of an RFP or RFQ that identifies the products or services sought through a procurement, typically, detailing tasks or services a vendor will be required to provide, conditions under which they will be provided, deliverables to be provided, and (often) the project schedule or required milestones.
- s. **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) -** the Department that funds the WIC Program.

- t. **User Acceptance Testing (UAT) -** The phase of the System Development Life Cycle (SDLC) in which an application is tested, usually by or in conjunction with users, to ensure that the application is functioning according to specifications and defined requirements and is acceptable to users.
- u. Tennessee Department of Health (TDH)
- v. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, the WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.
- A.3. <u>Service Goal</u>: To complete required evaluations, activities, and documentation that complies with FNS Handbook 901 and other applicable FNS requirements for the planning of a joint WIC MIS/EBT implementation to insure Federal USDA/FNS approval of such activities in a timely manner, to provide overall project management, reporting and documentation services using WIC experienced staff during the project's planning phase.

A.4. Service Description:

- a. The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Provide general project management for the term of the contract;
 - (2) Provide general project reporting and documentation, with at least formal monthly written status reports in a format approved by the State;
 - (3) Conduct business requirements analyses, including the evaluation of potential WIC MIS transfer systems, current business practices, and future business requirements;
 - (4) Prepare an MIS Functional Requirements Document;
 - (5) Conduct a Feasibility Study/Cost Benefit Analysis (MIS No longer required for EBT);
 - (6) Assess EBT Card technology alternatives and recommend a technology solution
 - (7) Prepare an EBT Affordability Study;
 - (8) Develop a joint MIS and EBT project schedule;
 - (9) Develop a joint MIS and EBT project budget:
 - (10) Identify State resource requirements
 - (11) Conduct an evaluation of WIC vendor EBT readiness;
 - (12) Develop an Joint MIS/EBT Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD);
 - (13) Develop a statement of work for an MIS RFP for the transfer of an existing MIS system that is EBT functional
 - (14) Develop a statement of work for an RFP for EBT Operations
 - (15) Develop a statement of work for a QA Contractor
- b. The Contractor shall use the guidelines and templates provided by USDA FNS including, but not limited to:
 - (1) Advance Planning Document Guidelines http://www.fns.usda.gov/apd/fns-handbook-901-advance-planning-documents
 - (2) Functional Requirements document for a Model WIC Information System http://www.fns.usda.gov/apd/WIC-FReD

NOTE: All data and documents produced under this contract shall be owned by the State.

A.5. Service Deliverables:

Deliverable Information - The Contractor will develop and deliver the deliverables in MS Word 2010 or higher, MS Excel 2010 or higher, MS Project 2010 or higher, MS PowerPoint 2010 or higher for each appropriate deliverable. The Contractor shall provide deliverables to TDH in electronic format agreed upon on award of Contract. Brief descriptions of the goods, services and/or other required reports are defined below. The Contractor will conduct the project under TDH leadership. Because the Contractor chosen through this solicitation will be controlling the manner and means of conducting the work, the descriptions are not intended to completely describe all of the work that the Contractor would need to perform to complete the deliverables.

- a. Project Work Plan including Timeline, Schedule and Training
 - (1) Detailed and Summary Level Work Plans
 - The Contractor shall develop a summary level description of the Respondent's approach and a detailed Work Plan and schedule for providing all deliverables and provide it electronically to TDH.
 - ii. The Contractor shall be responsible for facilitating an initial "kick off" meeting with a presentation of the draft work plan to TDH Management and other appropriate staff and stakeholders within 2 weeks of contract execution. The Contractor shall be available for up to 2 hours to present the proposal as TDH may require. The Contractor shall be available either on-site or web conference for the "kick off" meeting.
 - iii. The Contractor shall submit a final Project Work Plan for State review and approval within 30 days of contract execution.
 - (2) The Work Plan shall include at least the following:
 - A summary of the purpose, goals, scope, and the specific roles of TDH and Contractor's staff.
 - ii A Work Breakdown Structure (include subtasks as applicable) required for performance. The list of tasks shall include start and end dates for each task, Respondent's staff that are responsible for completing each task, and the number of hours allotted for each task.
 - iii. The timelines for tasks and subtasks.
 - iv. Due dates for summaries, outlines, oral reports, drafts and final reports.

NOTE: The Contractor will be responsible for establishing the individual due dates for the various deliverables with the understanding that all activities under the terms of this contract shall be completed no later than 8/31/2016.

- (3) Work Plan Maintenance
 - i. The Contractor shall maintain the work plan on software such as Microsoft Project. The format shall allow for ongoing tracking of the percentage completion of each task and subtask. It shall allow a means of tracking any deviations from the planned timeline and adjusting the work plan to reflect those deviations.

ii. The Contractor shall coordinate and advise its team members and TDH on a weekly basis as to the status of each task on an ongoing basis.

(4) Training

- Provide general training to TDH state agency staff and any Local Agency staff as directed by TDH. This training may be delivered via video conferencing. This training shall include but not be limited to:
 - Overview of EBT process in clinics and the key differences this method of benefit issuance has on clinic flow and operations compared to the current paper check issuance method
 - Challenges faced by other states that have jointly implemented a new MIS with EBT, or that have implemented EBT by itself including lessons learned and solutions
 - Overview of EBT process at the WIC authorized retail vendor locations via a webinar or video to be developed by the Contractor.
 - Changes to State Plans and policy and procedures that have been experienced by other states that have jointly implemented MIS and EBT or that have implemented EBT by itself.
 - Benefits of moving to EBT
- b. Transfer MIS Analysis The Contractor shall
 - (1) Evaluate potential transfer MIS systems for compliance to FReD requirements, identifying for each needed modifications, if any, to meet the Universal Interface Requirements for EBT implementation
 - (2) Evaluate current policies, procedures, and practices that may require modification with the transfer of an MIS system and/or identify new policies, procedures, and requirements that may be needed
 - (3) Develop a summary report for each potential transfer MIS system outlining the degree each is EBT functional and making recommendations as to the best transfer candidate(s) for TDH to further consider
 - (4) Coordinate with prospective MIS vendors to perform a demonstration of each potential transfer MIS for TDH and other appropriate staff
 - (5) Develop an evaluation tool for use by TDH staff to rate the potential MIS transfer systems during the demonstrations and then prepare a summary report of those evaluations
 - (6) Prepare a Feasibility Study/Alternative Analysis and Cost Benefit Analysis document to summarize findings
- c. MIS Hosting Analysis The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Evaluate whether it would be in the best interests of the State to out-source the hosting/operations of the transfer MIS system or host the transfer MIS internally at the State Data Center. This would involve the relative costs of out-sourcing

- versus in-house operations and the capacity of the existing State Data Center to meet the hosting requirements of the transfer MIS
- (2) Prepare a summary report of the analysis and make recommendations as to the best approach
- d. MIS Interoperability Analysis The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Document the interoperability environment in which the MIS and EBT systems will operate, and assess and document the requirements this will place on the MIS transfer
 - (2) This analysis must include, at a minimum, the patient registration system, patient management system, electronic health record system, the patient scheduling system, immunization registry, and the encounter service reporting system
- e. EBT Affordability Study The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Assess EBT effects on the TDH WIC operations budget, including EBT processor costs, card costs, new equipment needed in clinics and any other costs related to EBT operations
 - (2) Identify paper costs that would be eliminated at the State and local level because of EBT efficiencies gained
 - (3) Develop a summary report of EBT affordability describing all costs that may be required for EBT operations
- f. EBT Card Technology Assessment The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Assess EBT card technologies that are available, analyze the impact of the different technologies on vendors, analyze the feasibility of in-house versus outsourced operations for each, and analyze the cost impact of the different technologies
 - (2) Develop a summary report of EBT technology alternatives and provide a recommendation
- g. Vendor EBT-Readiness Analysis The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Identify WIC vendor stakeholder groups and develop a plan to engage the WIC vendor community to build support for transitioning to WIC EBT
 - (2) Evaluate the EBT readiness among the TDH WIC authorized vendors, which may include the use of surveys, on-site visits, and other data gathering activities
 - (3) Assess the degree of compatibility for integrating EBT in the WIC vendor's respective Electronic Cash Register systems
 - (4) Identify the number of vendors that will potentially need the 'stand-beside' card reader unit for EBT processing
 - (5) Prepare a summary report of vendor readiness activities
- h. Draft IAPD Final Report The Contractor shall:

- (1) Draft the Joint MIS/EBT Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) in accordance with USDA FNS Advance Planning Document Handbook 901, which includes among other things:
 - i. Transmittal letter
 - ii. Executive summary
 - iii. Functional requirements documents
 - iv. Feasibility Study/Alternative Analysis
 - v. Cost Benefit Analysis
 - vi. General Systems Design
 - vii. Capacity plan or study
 - viii. Project management plan
 - ix. Schedule of planning activities, milestones, and deliverables
 - x. Proposed budget
 - xi. Resource requirements
 - xii. Cost allocation plan, as needed
 - xiii. Security planning
 - xiv. Request of waiver of depreciation
 - xv. Test plan
 - xvi. Training plan
 - xvii. State Agency /contractor assurances
 - xviii. Pilot project retailer management plan
 - xix. Statewide expansion retailer management plan
 - xx. Statewide expansion clinic management plan
- (2) Update/revise the IAPD based on requested USDA FNS revisions as needed.
- Draft Statement of Work for a RFP to procure a MIS Transfer Implementation Contractor – The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Develop a preliminary Statement of Work to procure an implementation contractor for the transfer of an MIS in accordance with USDA FNS Advance Planning Document Handbook 901. The Statement of Work document shall include, but not limited to, the following components:
 - i. Current system overview
 - ii. Workload data
 - iii. Proposed new system environment (out-sourced versus in-house)
 - iv. Project management plan requirements
 - v. Proposed modifications to the MIS transfer system to meet TDH needs as necessary
 - vi. Data conversion requirements
 - vii. Help desk requirements
 - viii Hardware support requirements
 - ix. Security plan requirements
 - x. Continuity of operations requirements
 - xi Training requirements
 - xii. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) requirements
 - xiii. Pilot testing requirements
 - xiv. Coordination requirements with EBT contractor
 - xv. Coordination requirements with outside entities that may have system interfaces
 - xvi. Change management requirements
 - xvii. Implementation and statewide rollout requirements

- xviii. Post implementation operations and support requirements
- (2) Update/revise the MIS RFP statement of work based on requested USDA FNS revision as needed.
- j. Draft Statement of Work for a RFP to procure an EBT Implementation Contractor The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Develop a preliminary Statement of Work to procure an implementation contractor for the implementation of a WIC EBT benefits delivery system in accordance with USDA FNS Advance Planning Document Handbook 901. The Statement of Work document shall include, but not limited to, the following components:
 - i. Current system overview
 - ii. Workload data
 - iii. Project management plan requirements
 - iv. Communication plan requirements
 - v. Data conversion requirements
 - vi. Help desk requirements
 - vii. Hardware support requirements
 - viii. Security plan requirements
 - ix. Continuity of operations requirements
 - x. Training requirements
 - xi. User Acceptance Testing (UAT) requirements
 - xii. Pilot testing requirements
 - xiii. Coordination requirements with MIS contractor
 - xiv. Coordination requirements with outside entities that may have system interfaces
 - xv. Retailer certification and enablement requirements
 - xvi. Change management requirements
 - xvii. Implementation and statewide rollout requirements
 - xviii. Post implementation operations and support requirements
 - (2) Update/revise the EBT RFP statement of work based on requested USDA FNS revisions as needed.
- braft Statement of Work for a RFP to procure a Quality Assurance (QA) Contractor –
 The Contractor shall:
 - (1) Develop a preliminary Statement of Work to procure a quality assurance contractor for the management and conduct of testing for both the MIS and EBT components in accordance with USDA FNS Advance Planning Document Handbook 901. The Statement of Work document shall include, but not limited to, the following components:
 - i. Overview of the joint MIS/EBT project
 - ii. Draft work schedule for QA related activities
 - iii. Contract deliverables and related requirements
 - iv. Project management requirements
 - (2) Update/revise the Quality Assurance (QA) Contractor statement of work based on requested USDA FNS revisions as needed.
- I. Communications and Status Reporting The Contractor shall:

- (1) Submit a written monthly Status Report that clearly outlines progress for the prior time period (i.e., process(s) evaluated, Respondent's staff involvement, tasks, deliverables or milestones completed, etc.).
- (2) The report will include accomplishments, percent of completion, activities planned for the next period, issues, processes used to evaluate and quantify the progress, contract expenditures to date, and other relevant information to assist in monitoring the work. Reports should address barriers and summarize next steps.
- (3) Provide timely communications (email, phone, etc.) between the monthly status reports as may be necessary to keep the project on track.
- (4) Conduct activities using on-site meetings, webinars, and other methods as jointly determined to be most effective by the Contractor and the State.

m. Final Report – The Contractor shall:

- (1) Include Summary information that organizes, distills, integrates and synthesizes the information within each deliverable. The final report must include at least the following:
 - i. Executive summary
 - ii. A discussion of the key assumptions and the influence and effect each assumption has on the summary of findings and recommendations
 - iii. Short and long term plans and actions
 - iv. A separate letter attesting to the Vendor's independence in relation to the report
 - v. Unresolved issues
 - vi. Lessons learned
- (2) The Contractor shall work with TDH to develop a list of next steps that must be accomplished in order to proceed with acquisition for Implementation.
- (3) Any Task not specifically stated in the RFP to carry out a Fixed Price Deliverable, but could be reasonably anticipated to accomplish such deliverable, shall be deemed part of the deliverable, and no additional cost shall be attributable to such Tasks.

A.6. Service Deliverables:

	Contract Section	Delivery Date	Due to Whom?	Requested Format
Project Work Plan submitted	A.5.a.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Transfer MIS Analysis submitted	A.5.b.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
MIS Hosting Analysis	A.5.c.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH	Electronically, as provided

	Contract Section	Delivery Date	Due to Whom?	Requested Format
submitted			WIC MIS/EBT	by the State
MIS Interoperability Analysis submitted	A.5.d.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
EBT Affordability Study submitted	A.5.e.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
EBT Card Technology Assessment submitted	A.5.f.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Vendor EBT- Readiness Analysis submitted	A.5.g.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Draft IAPD Final Report submitted	A.5.h.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure an MIS transfer implementation contractor submitted	A.5.i.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure an EBT implementation Contractor submitted	A.5.j.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure a Quality Assurance (QA) Contractor submitted	A.5.k.	To Be Determined	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Communication and Status Reporting	A.5.I.	At the end of each month in the Contract	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State
Final Report submitted	A.5.m.	Prior to the last day of the Contract	Project Manager, TDH WIC MIS/EBT	Electronically, as provided by the State

A.7. Warranty. Contractor represents and warrants that throughout the Term of this Contract ("Warranty Period"), the goods or services provided under this Contract shall conform to the terms and conditions of this Contract. Any nonconformance of the goods or services to the terms and conditions of this Contract shall constitute a "Defect" and shall be considered "Defective." If Contractor receives notice of a Defect during the Warranty Period, then Contractor shall correct the Defect, at no additional charge.

Contractor represents and warrants that all goods or services provided under this Contract shall be provided in a timely and professional manner, by qualified and skilled individuals, in conformity with standards generally accepted in Contractor's industry.

If Contractor fails to provide the goods or services as warranted, then Contractor will re-provide the goods or services at no additional charge. If Contractor is unable or unwilling to re-provide the goods or services as warranted, then the State shall be entitled to recover the fees paid to Contractor for the Defective goods or services.

A.8. <u>Inspection and Acceptance</u>. The State shall have the right to inspect all goods or services provided by Contractor under this Contract. If, upon inspection, the State determines that the goods or services are Defective, the State shall notify Contractor, and Contractor shall re-deliver the goods or provide the services at no additional cost to the State. If after a period of thirty (30) days following delivery of goods or performance of services the State does not provide a notice of any Defects, the goods or services shall be deemed to have been accepted by the State.

B. TERM OF CONTRACT:

- B.1. This Contract shall be effective on August 24, 2015 ("Effective Date") and extend for a period of thirteen (13) months after the Effective Date ("Term"). The State shall have no obligation for goods or services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date.
- B.2. <u>Term Extension</u>. The State may extend the Term an additional period of time, not to exceed one hundred-eighty (180) days beyond the expiration date of this Contract, under the same terms and conditions, at the State's sole option. In no event, however, shall the maximum Term, including all renewals or extensions, exceed a total of sixty (60) months.

C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- C.1. Maximum Liability. In no event shall the maximum liability of the State under this Contract exceed Written Dollar Amount (\$Number) ("Maximum Liability"). This Contract does not grant the Contractor any exclusive rights. The State does not guarantee that it will buy any minimum quantity of goods or services under this Contract. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Contractor will only be paid for goods or services provided under this Contract after a purchase order is issued to Contractor by the State or as otherwise specified by this Contract.
- C.2. <u>Compensation Firm</u>. The payment methodology in Section C.3. of this Contract shall constitute the entire compensation due the Contractor for all goods or services provided under this Contract regardless of the difficulty, materials or equipment required. The payment methodology includes all applicable taxes, fees, overhead, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred or to be incurred by the Contractor.
- C.3. <u>Payment Methodology</u>. The Contractor shall be compensated based on the payment methodology for goods or services authorized by the State in a total amount as set forth in Section C.1.
 - a. The Contractor's compensation shall be contingent upon the satisfactory provision of goods or services as set forth in Section A.
 - b. The Contractor shall be compensated based upon the following payment methodology:

Goods or Services Description	Amount (per compensable increment)
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Project Work Plan as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.a.	\$ Number
Transfer MIS Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.b.	\$ Number
MIS Hosting Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.c.	\$ Number
MIS Interoperability Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.d.	\$ Number
EBT Affordability Study as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.e.	\$ Number
EBT Card Technology Assessment as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.f.	\$ Number
Vendor EBT- Readiness Analysis as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.g.	\$ Number
Draft IAPD Final Report as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.h.	\$ Number
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure an MIS transfer implementation contractor, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.i.	\$ Number
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure an EBT implementation Contractor, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.j.	\$ Number
Draft Statement of Work for an RFP to procure a Quality Assurance (QA) Contractor, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.k.	\$ Number
Monthly Communication and Status Reporting, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.I.	\$ Number / Month
Final Report, as detailed in Pro Forma Contract, Section A.5.m.	\$ Number

- NOTE: The Contractor will be required to separately identify MIS related cost from EBT related cost for those deliverables that have been both MIS and EBT components when submitting invoices.
- C.4. <u>Travel Compensation</u>. The Contractor shall not be compensated or reimbursed for travel time, travel expenses, meals, or lodging.
- C.5. Invoice Requirements. The Contractor shall invoice the State only for goods delivered and accepted by the State or services satisfactorily provided at the amounts stipulated in Section C.3., above. Contractor shall submit invoices and necessary supporting documentation, no more frequently than once a month, and no later than thirty (30) days after goods or services have been provided to the following address:

Margaret T. (Peggy) Lewis, MHE, RD, LDN Director, Supplemental Nutrition Programs Division of Family Health and Wellness Tennessee Department of Health 8th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

- a. Each invoice, on Contractor's letterhead, shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly):
 - Invoice number (assigned by the Contractor);
 - (2) Invoice date;
 - (3) Contract number (assigned by the State);
 - (4) Customer account name: Tennessee Department of Health/ Division of Family Health and Wellness
 - (5) Customer account number (assigned by the Contractor to the above-referenced Customer):
 - (6) Contractor name;
 - (7) Contractor Tennessee Edison registration ID number;
 - (8) Contractor contact for invoice questions (name, phone, or email);
 - (9) Contractor remittance address;
 - (10) Description of delivered goods or services provided and invoiced, including identifying information as applicable;
 - (11) Number of delivered or completed units, increments, hours, or days as applicable, of each good or service invoiced;
 - (12) Applicable payment methodology (as stipulated in Section C.3.) of each good or service invoiced;
 - (13) Amount due for each compensable unit of good or service; and
 - (14) Total amount due for the invoice period.
- b. Contractor's invoices shall:
 - (1) Only include charges for goods delivered or services provided as described in Section A and in accordance with payment terms and conditions set forth in Section C:
 - Only be submitted for goods delivered or services completed and shall not include any charge for future goods to be delivered or services to be performed;
 - (3) Not include Contractor's taxes, which includes without limitation Contractor's sales and use tax, excise taxes, franchise taxes, real or personal property taxes, or income taxes: and
 - (4) Include shipping or delivery charges only as authorized in this Contract.
- c. The timeframe for payment (or any discounts) begins only when the State is in receipt of an invoice that meets the minimum requirements of this Section C.5.
- C.6. <u>Payment of Invoice</u>. A payment by the State shall not prejudice the State's right to object to or question any payment, invoice, or other matter. A payment by the State shall not be construed as acceptance of goods delivered, any part of the services provided, or as approval of any amount invoiced.
- C.7. <u>Invoice Reductions</u>. The Contractor's invoice shall be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment that is determined by the State, on the basis of audits conducted in

accordance with the terms of this Contract, to not constitute proper compensation for goods delivered or services provided.

- C.8. <u>Deductions</u>. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the Contractor under this or any contract between the Contractor and the State of Tennessee, any amounts that are or shall become due and payable to the State of Tennessee by the Contractor.
- C.9. <u>Prerequisite Documentation</u>. The Contractor shall not invoice the State under this Contract until the State has received the following, properly completed documentation.
 - a. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State an "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, all payments to the Contractor, under this or any other contract the Contractor has with the State of Tennessee, shall be made by automated clearing house.
 - b. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State a "Substitute W-9 Form" provided by the State. The taxpayer identification number in the Substitute W-9 Form must be the same as the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Tennessee Edison Registration ID.

D. MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- D.1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Contract until it is duly approved by the Parties and all appropriate State officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations. Depending upon the specifics of this Contract, this may include approvals by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Chief Procurement Officer. Approvals shall be evidenced by a signature or electronic approval.
- D.2. Communications and Contacts. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be made by certified, first class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by overnight courier service with an asset tracking system, or by email or facsimile transmission with recipient confirmation. All communications, regardless of method of transmission, shall be addressed to the respective Party at the appropriate mailing address, facsimile number, or email address as stated below or any other address provided in writing by a Party.

The State:

Margaret T. (Peggy) Lewis, MHE, RD, LDN Director, Supplemental Nutrition Programs Division of Family Health and Wellness Tennessee Department of Health 8th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower 710 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243 Email: margaret.t.lewis@tn.gov Telephone #: (615) 532-7218

FAX #: (615) 532-721

The Contractor:

Contractor Contact Name & Title

Contractor Name Address Email Address Telephone # Number FAX # Number

All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effective upon receipt or recipient confirmation as may be required.

- D.3. <u>Modification and Amendment</u>. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all Parties and approved by all applicable State officials.
- D.4. <u>Subject to Funds Availability</u>. The Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State or federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor. The State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract shall not constitute a breach of Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall cease all work associated with the Contract. If the State terminates this Contract due to lack of funds availability, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods requested and accepted by the State and for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Should the State exercise its right to terminate this Contract due to unavailability of funds, the Contractor shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages of any description or amount.
- D.5. <u>Termination for Convenience</u>. The State may terminate this Contract for convenience without cause and for any reason. The State shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods delivered and accepted by the State or for satisfactory, authorized services completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the State be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any goods neither requested nor accepted by the State or for any services neither requested by the State nor satisfactorily performed by the Contractor. In no event shall the State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the State for any damages or claims arising under this Contract.
- D.6. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to properly perform its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or if the Contractor materially violates any terms of this Contract ("Breach Condition"),the State shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and withhold payments in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the State for damages sustained by virtue of any Breach Condition and the State may seek other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of this Contract.
- D.7. <u>Assignment and Subcontracting</u>. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the goods or services provided under this Contract without the prior written approval of the State. Notwithstanding any use of the approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The State reserves the right to request additional information or impose additional terms and conditions before approving an assignment of this Contract in whole or in part or the use of subcontractors in fulfilling the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- D.8. <u>Conflicts of Interest</u>. The Contractor warrants that no part of the Contractor's compensation shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Contractor in connection with any work contemplated or performed under this Contract.

The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that this Contract shall be null and void if the Contractor is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee or if the Contractor is an entity in which a controlling interest is held by an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee.

- D.9. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>. The Contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal or state law. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.10. <u>Prohibition of Illegal Immigrants</u>. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 addressing the use of illegal immigrants in the performance of any contract to supply goods or services to the state of Tennessee, shall be a material provision of this Contract, a breach of which shall be grounds for monetary and other penalties, up to and including termination of this Contract.
 - a. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall reaffirm this attestation, in writing, by submitting to the State a completed and signed copy of the document at Attachment 1, semi-annually during the Term. If the Contractor is a party to more than one contract with the State, the Contractor may submit one attestation that applies to all contracts with the State. All Contractor attestations shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
 - b. Prior to the use of any subcontractor in the performance of this Contract, and semiannually thereafter, during the Term, the Contractor shall obtain and retain a current, written attestation that the subcontractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract. Attestations obtained from subcontractors shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
 - c. The Contractor shall maintain records for all personnel used in the performance of this Contract. Contractor's records shall be subject to review and random inspection at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice by the State.
 - d. The Contractor understands and agrees that failure to comply with this section will be subject to the sanctions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 for acts or omissions occurring after its effective date.
 - e. For purposes of this Contract, "illegal immigrant" shall be defined as any person who is not: (i) a United States citizen; (ii) a Lawful Permanent Resident; (iii) a person whose physical presence in the United States is authorized; (iv) allowed by the federal Department of Homeland Security and who, under federal immigration laws or regulations, is authorized to be employed in the U.S.; or (v) is otherwise authorized to provide services under the Contract.
- D.11. <u>Records</u>. The Contractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Contractor, for work performed or money received under this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of five (5) full years from the date of the final

- payment and shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- D.12. <u>Monitoring</u>. The Contractor's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
- D.13. <u>Progress Reports</u>. The Contractor shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
- D.14. <u>Strict Performance</u>. Failure by any Party to this Contract to require, in any one or more cases, the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the Parties.
- D.15. <u>Independent Contractor</u>. The Parties shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. The Parties are independent contracting entities. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow either Party to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one Party are not employees or agents of the other Party.
- D.16 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Contractor agrees that it will be responsible for compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") with respect to itself and its employees, including any obligation to report health insurance coverage, provide health insurance coverage, or pay any financial assessment, tax, or penalty for not providing health insurance. The Contractor shall indemnify the State and hold it harmless for any costs to the State arising from Contractor's failure to fulfill its PPACA responsibilities for itself or its employees.
- D.17. <u>Limitation of State's Liability</u>. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract. In no event will the State be liable to the Contractor or any other party for any lost revenues, lost profits, loss of business, decrease in the value of any securities or cash position, time, money, goodwill, or any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages of any nature, whether based on warranty, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including but not limited to negligence), or any other legal theory that may arise under this Contract or otherwise. The State's total liability under this Contract (including any exhibits, schedules, amendments or other attachments to the Contract) or otherwise shall under no circumstances exceed the Maximum Liability. This limitation of liability is cumulative and not per incident.
- D.18. <u>Limitation of Contractor's Liability</u>. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-701, the Contractor's liability for all claims arising under this Contract shall be limited to an amount equal to two (2) times the Maximum Liability amount detailed in Section C.1. and as may be amended, PROVIDED THAT in no event shall this Section limit the liability of the Contractor for intentional torts, criminal acts, fraudulent conduct, or omissions that result in personal injuries or death.
- D.19. Hold Harmless. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee as well as its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and causes of action which may arise, accrue, or result to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which may be injured or damaged as a result of acts, omissions, or negligence on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or any person acting for or on its or their behalf relating to this Contract. The Contractor further agrees it shall be liable for the reasonable cost of attorneys for the State to enforce the terms of this Contract.

In the event of any suit or claim, the Parties shall give each other immediate notice and provide all necessary assistance to respond. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

- D.20. <u>HIPAA Compliance</u>. The State and Contractor shall comply with obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health ("HITECH") Act and any other relevant laws and regulations regarding privacy (collectively the "Privacy Rules"). The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.
 - a. Contractor warrants to the State that it is familiar with the requirements of the Privacy Rules, and will comply with all applicable requirements in the course of this Contract.
 - b. Contractor warrants that it will cooperate with the State, including cooperation and coordination with State privacy officials and other compliance officers required by the Privacy Rules, in the course of performance of the Contract so that both parties will be in compliance with the Privacy Rules.
 - c. The State and the Contractor will sign documents, including but not limited to business associate agreements, as required by the Privacy Rules and that are reasonably necessary to keep the State and Contractor in compliance with the Privacy Rules. This provision shall not apply if information received or delivered by the parties under this Contract is NOT "protected health information" as defined by the Privacy Rules, or if the Privacy Rules permit the parties to receive or deliver the information without entering into a business associate agreement or signing another document.
 - d. The Contractor will indemnify the State and hold it harmless for any violation by the Contractor or its subcontractors of the Privacy Rules. This includes the costs of responding to a breach of protected health information, the costs of responding to a government enforcement action related to the breach, and any fines, penalties, or damages paid by the State because of the violation.
- D.21. Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Subject to statutory exceptions contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-36-801, et seq., the law governing the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System ("TCRS"), provides that if a retired member of TCRS, or of any superseded system administered by TCRS, or of any local retirement fund established under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-35-101, et seq., accepts State employment, the member's retirement allowance is suspended during the period of the employment. Accordingly and notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, the Contractor agrees that if it is later determined that the true nature of the working relationship between the Contractor and the State under this Contract is that of "employee/employer" and not that of an independent contractor, the Contractor, if a retired member of TCRS, may be required to repay to TCRS the amount of retirement benefits the Contractor received from TCRS during the Term.
- D.22 <u>Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration.</u> The Contractor shall comply with all applicable registration requirements contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 67-6-601 608. Compliance with applicable registration requirements is a material requirement of this Contract.
- D.23. <u>Debarment and Suspension</u>. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its current and future principals, its current and future subcontractors and their principals:

- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;
- b. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them from commission of fraud, or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed in section b. of this certification: and
- d. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded or disqualified.

- Force Majeure. "Force Majeure Event" means fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts D.24. of God, wars, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, acts of terrorism or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party except to the extent that the non-performing Party is at fault in failing to prevent or causing the default or delay, and provided that the default or delay cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing Party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means. A strike, lockout or labor dispute shall not excuse either Party from its obligations under this Contract. Except as set forth in this Section, any failure or delay by a Party in the performance of its obligations under this Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event is not a default under this Contract or grounds for termination. The non-performing Party will be excused from performing those obligations directly affected by the Force Majeure Event, and only for as long as the Force Majeure Event continues, provided that the Party continues to use diligent, good faith efforts to resume performance without delay. The occurrence of a Force Majeure Event affecting Contractor's representatives, suppliers, subcontractors, customers or business apart from this Contract is not a Force Majeure Event under this Contract. Contractor will promptly notify the State of any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event (to be confirmed in a written notice to the State within one (1) day of the inception of the delay) that a Force Majeure Event has occurred, and will describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event results in a delay in Contractor's performance longer than forty-eight (48) hours, the State may, upon notice to Contractor: (a) cease payment of the fees until Contractor resumes performance of the affected obligations; or (b) immediately terminate this Contract or any purchase order, in whole or in part, without further payment except for fees then due and payable. Contractor will not increase its charges under this Contract or charge the State any fees other than those provided for in this Contract as the result of a Force Majeure Event.
- D.25. <u>State and Federal Compliance</u>. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations in the performance of this Contract.
- D.26. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. The Tennessee Claims Commission or the state or federal courts in Tennessee shall be the venue for all claims, disputes, or disagreements arising under this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any rights, claims, or remedies against

- the State of Tennessee or its employees arising under this Contract shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 9-8-101 407.
- D.27. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the Parties relating to its subject matter, including all the terms and conditions of the Parties' agreement. This Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral.
- D.28. <u>Severability</u>. If any terms and conditions of this Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions of this Contract shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. The terms and conditions of this Contract are severable.
- D.29. <u>Headings</u>. Section headings of this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Contract.
- D.30. <u>Incorporation of Additional Documents</u>. Each of the following documents is included as a part of this Contract by reference. In the event of a discrepancy or ambiguity regarding the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and performance under this Contract, these items shall govern in order of precedence below:
 - any amendment to this Contract, with the latter in time controlling over any earlier amendments:
 - b. this Contract with any attachments or exhibits (excluding the items listed at subsections c. through f., below);
 - c. any clarifications of or addenda to the Contractor's proposal seeking this Contract;
 - d. the State solicitation, as may be amended, requesting responses in competition for this Contract:
 - e. any technical specifications provided to proposers during the procurement process to award this Contract; and,
 - f. the Contractor's response seeking this Contract.

E. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- E.1. <u>Conflicting Terms and Conditions</u>. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the special terms and conditions shall be subordinate to the Contract's other terms and conditions.
- E.2. <u>Confidentiality of Records</u>. Strict standards of confidentiality of records and information shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All material and information, regardless of form, medium or method of communication, provided to the Contractor by the State or acquired by the Contractor on behalf of the State that is regarded as confidential under state or federal law shall be regarded as "Confidential Information." Nothing in this Section shall permit Contractor to disclose any Confidential Information, regardless of whether it has been disclosed or made available to the Contractor due to intentional or negligent actions or inactions of agents of the State or third parties. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed except as required or permitted under state or federal law. Contractor shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the confidentiality of such material or information in conformance with applicable state and federal law.

The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

- E.3. Ownership of Software and Work Products.
 - a. Definitions.

- (1) "Contractor-Owned Software," shall mean commercially available software the rights to which are owned by Contractor, including but not limited to commercial "off-the-shelf" software which is not developed using State's money or resources.
- (2) "Custom-Developed Application Software," shall mean customized application software developed by Contractor solely for State.
- (3) "Rights Transfer Application Software," shall mean any pre-existing application software owned by Contractor or a third party, provided to State and to which Contractor will grant and assign, or will facilitate the granting and assignment of, all rights, including the source code, to State.
- (4) "Third-Party Software," shall mean software not owned by the State or the Contractor.
- (5) "Work Product," shall mean all deliverables exclusive of hardware, such as software, software source code, documentation, planning, etc., that are created, designed, developed, or documented by the Contractor exclusively for the State during the course of the project using State's money or resources, including Custom-Developed Application Software. If the deliverables under this Contract include Rights Transfer Application Software, the definition of Work Product shall also include such software. Work Product shall not include Contractor-Owned Software or Third-Party Software.

b. Rights and Title to the Software

- (1) All right, title and interest in and to the Contractor-Owned Software shall at all times remain with Contractor, subject to any license granted under this Contract.
- All right, title and interest in and to the Work Product, and to modifications thereof made by State, including without limitation all copyrights, patents, trade secrets and other intellectual property and other proprietary rights embodied by and arising out of the Work Product, shall belong to State. To the extent such rights do not automatically belong to State, Contractor hereby assigns, transfers, and conveys all right, title and interest in and to the Work Product, including without limitation the copyrights, patents, trade secrets, and other intellectual property rights arising out of or embodied by the Work Product. Contractor and its employees, agents, contractors or representatives shall execute any other documents that State or its counsel deem necessary or desirable to document this transfer or allow State to register its claims and rights to such intellectual property rights or enforce them against third parties.
- (3) All right, title and interest in and to the Third-Party Software shall at all times remain with the third party, subject to any license granted under this Contract.
- c. The Contractor may use for its own purposes the general knowledge, skills, experience, ideas, concepts, know-how, and techniques obtained and used during the course of performing under this Contract. The Contractor may develop for itself, or for others, materials which are similar to or competitive with those that are produced under this Contract.
- d. The federal awarding agency reserves a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, for Federal Government purposes the copyright in any work developed under a grant, sub-grant, or

contract under a grant or sub-grant or any rights of copyright to which a grantee, subgrantee or contractor purchases ownership with grant support.

- E.4. <u>Prohibited Advertising or Marketing</u>. The Contractor shall not suggest or imply in advertising or marketing materials that Contractor's goods or services are endorsed by the State. The restrictions on Contractor advertising or marketing materials under this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.
- E.5. <u>Lobbying</u>. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that:
 - a. No federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the Contractor, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - b. If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with any contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the Contractor shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
 - c. The Contractor shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into and is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352.

E.6. <u>Contractor Commitment to Diversity</u>. The Contractor shall comply with and make reasonable business efforts to exceed the commitment to diversity represented by the Contractor's Response to RFP 34353-14516 (Attachment 6.2 Section B.15) and resulting in this Contract.

The Contractor shall assist the State in monitoring the Contractor's performance of this commitment by providing, as requested, a quarterly report of participation in the performance of this Contract by small business enterprises and businesses owned by minorities, women, and Tennessee service-disabled veterans. Such reports shall be provided to the State of Tennessee Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise in the required form and substance.

E.7. Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). This Contract requires the Contractor to provide supplies or services that are funded in whole or in part by federal funds that are subject to FFATA. The Contractor is responsible for ensuring that all applicable requirements, including but not limited to those set forth herein, of FFATA are met and that the Contractor provides information to the State as required.

The Contractor shall comply with the following:

a. Reporting of Total Compensation of the Contractor's Executives.

- (1) The Contractor shall report the names and total compensation of each of its five most highly compensated executives for the Contractor's preceding completed fiscal year, if in the Contractor's preceding fiscal year it received:
 - 80 percent or more of the Contractor's annual gross revenues from federal procurement contracts and federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act, as defined at 2 CFR 170.320 (and subawards); and
 - \$25,000,000 or more in annual gross revenues from federal procurement contracts (and subcontracts), and federal financial assistance subject to the Transparency Act (and subawards); and
 - iii. The public does not have access to information about the compensation of the executives through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(a), 78o(d)) or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. (To determine if the public has access to the compensation information, see the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission total compensation filings at http://www.sec.gov/answers/execomp.htm.).

As defined in 2 C.F.R. § 170.315, "Executive" means officers, managing partners, or any other employees in management positions.

- (2) Total compensation means the cash and noncash dollar value earned by the executive during the Contractor's preceding fiscal year and includes the following (for more information see 17 C.F.R. § 229.402(c)(2)):
 - i. Salary and bonus.
 - ii. Awards of stock, stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Use the dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fiscal year in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004) (FAS 123R), Shared Based Payments.
 - iii. Earnings for services under non-equity incentive plans. This does not include group life, health, hospitalization or medical reimbursement plans that do not discriminate in favor of executives, and are available generally to all salaried employees.
 - iv. Change in pension value. This is the change in present value of defined benefit and actuarial pension plans.
 - Above-market earnings on deferred compensation which is not tax qualified.
 - vi. Other compensation, if the aggregate value of all such other compensation (e.g. severance, termination payments, value of life insurance paid on behalf of the employee, perquisites or property) for the executive exceeds \$10,000.
- b. The Contractor must report executive total compensation described above to the State by the end of the month during which this Contract is awarded.
- c. If this Contract is amended to extend the Term, the Contractor must submit an executive total compensation report to the State by the end of the month in which the term extension becomes effective.
- d. The Contractor will obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and maintain its DUNS number for the term of this Contract. More information about obtaining a DUNS Number can be found at: http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/

The Contractor's failure to comply with the above requirements is a material breach of this Contract for which the State may terminate this Contract for cause. The State will not be obligated to pay any outstanding invoice received from the Contractor unless and until the Contractor is in full compliance with the above requirements.

- - a. A security audit may include the following: (i) review of access logs, screen shots and other paper or electronic documentation relating to Contractor's compliance with the Policy. This may include review of documentation relevant to subcontractors or suppliers of security equipment and services used with respect to State data; (ii) physical inspection of controls such as door locks, file storage, communications systems, and employee identification procedures; and (iii) interviews of responsible technical and management personnel regarding security procedures.
 - b. Contractor shall provide reports or additional information upon request of the state and access by the State or the State's designated staff to Contractor's facilities and/or any location involved with providing services to the State or involved with processing or storing State data, and Contractor shall cooperate with State staff and audit requests submitted under this Section. Any confidential information of either party accessed or disclosed during the course of the security audit shall be treated as set forth under this Contract or federal or state law or regulations. Each party shall bear its own expenses incurred in the course of conducting this security audit. Contractor shall at its own expense promptly rectify any non-compliance with the Policy or other requirements identified by this security audit and provide proof to the State thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR SIGNATORY (above)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:

JOHN J. DREYZEHNER, MD, MPH, FACOEM, COMMISSIONER

DATE

ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

SUBJECT CONTRACT NUMBER:		
CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		
FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: (or Social Security Number)		
The Contractor, identified above, does hereby attest, certify, warrant, and assure that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract.		
CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE		
NOTICE: This attestation MUST be signed by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contractor. Attach evidence documenting the individual's authority to contractually bind the Contractor, unless the signatory is the Contractor's chief executive or president.		
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY		

DATE OF ATTESTATION